6 One Cocoon Testing & Grading Unit

7 Twenty Cocoon Drying Chambers

8 One Demonstration-cum-Training Centre

9 One Sericulture Training School

Besides, the Central Silk Board is also extending assistance to the State under various developmental programmes like supply of mulberry cuttings/saplings/disease free layings, farmers training programmes etc

Production Cost of Natural Rubber

4981. SHRI P C THOMAS Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have made any study on the cost of production of natural rubber for the purpose of fixing bench mark or support price, and

(b) if so, the cost of production of one kilogram natural rubber, as per the study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) A study on the cost of production for natural rubber (RMA-4 Grade) was carried out in Novem ber, 1990 which had indicated the cost for this grade to be approximately Rs 21 45 per kg Due to reported increases in various inputs, a fresh Cost Study has since been carried out This study is being examined by Government

Utilization of Defence Budget

4982 SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) the steps proposed to be taken for cost-effective utilisation of the Defence budget,

(b) the savings likely to be effected dunng 1992-1993 through implementation of cost-effective measures,

(c) whether the measures include stoppage of fresh recruitments also in some of the departments, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) and (b) Economy measures initiated include reduction in con sumption of FOL (Fuel, Oil & Lubncants) review of all ongoing projects/schemes ef fective personnel management, review of inventories, sale of surplus/obsolete stores and land, review and rationalisation of the scale and duration of all training courses/ exercises/practice camps, optimum utilisation of transport, modernisation of the existing equipment, indigenisation, use of simulators etc

(c) and (d) Rationalisation of man power is a part of the economy measures initiated

Export of Garments during Eighth Plan

4983 SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) the export potential of garments at present and dunng the Eight Five Year Plan period,

(b) whether the Government propose to fix floor price of garments for exports,

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the garment trade has created employment opportunities in rural areas also, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?